even, and in favour of collective happiness, collective prosperity, collective deathlessness; afterwards, perhaps wondering why it was that despite so impressive a demonstration of their wishes, sufficient to turn an election, make or break a government, they still suffered, still groaned with unsatisfied desire, still at last breathed no more.

Pledges were earnestly registered never in any circumstances whatsoever to take up arms; Nobel Peace Prizes were awarded, to Henderson, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Norman Angell, almost, in 1933, to Mussolini, and in France a Golden Book of Peace was inscribed with several million signatures. The Oxford Union carried a motion favouring a refusal to fight for King and Country if requested so to do, and some, taking literally a remark of Professor Einstein to the effect that if only four per cent of humanity were resolute in refusing to go to war, peace would be assured, decided to constitute themselves that four per cent, and wore badges indicating the same. Mr. C. E. M. Joad wrote a book entitled *Why War?* when war came none the less, perhaps wondering, 'Why Joad ?'; and Mr. Aldous Huxley derived comfort from the thought that 'most zoologists are now of the opinion that man's ancestor was not a gorilla-like ape, but a gentle, sensitive creature, something like a tarsier.'[12] At a Wembley Hospital fete a Peace Balloon Race was organised; Mr. Lansbury, seen off at Victoria Station by a little band of enthusiasts and there presented with a sprig of white heather to wear in his button-hole, made a round of visits to European statesmen, after some hours with Hitler

remarking that he and the Fuhrer had had 'a friendly discussion on the entire international situation'; and post-cards were dispatched to addresses chosen at random from German directories, stating that the writers of them were resolved in all circumstances to practise non-resistance, surprise being expressed that these communications were duly delivered, though it is difficult to imagine any which would give greater satisfaction to the authorities in Germany responsible for examining correspondence from abroad.

[15] See *An Encyckpaedia of Pacifism* edited by Aldous Huxley.